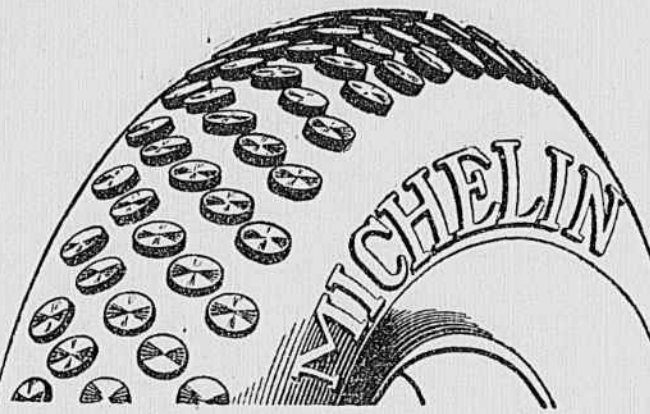


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DENNY PRESIDING  
OVER CONFERENCE

Methodists Now Holding Their  
128th Annual Session in  
Roanoke.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Roanoke, Va., March 27.—The first day of the 128th annual session of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, witnessed the transaction of several items of important business. The attendance was large, and the closest attention was given to the proceedings.

Bishop Wm. D. Murrah, D. D., of Jackson, Miss., was in the chair. After the devotional service, which he conducted, reading the third chapter of the Epistle to St. Paul to the Philippians as the Scripture lesson, Bishop Murrah called the conference to order, and its organization was effected. The roll of the conference was called, and 155 clerical and seventeen lay delegates answered to their names.

E. V. Register was nominated secretary and was elected. He nominated the following named ministers as assistant secretaries, and the nominations were confirmed: Henry A. Brown, J. Harry Smith, W. H. Best, C. L. Delong.

The standing committees were appointed.

Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, was presented to the conference and addressed the body. He expressed his pleasure at being present, saying that in no conference does he feel so completely at home and so much among his friends as in the Baltimore Conference. He said further that he prays daily for this conference and for many of the members by name.

Wants Time Changed.  
William Stevens presented a memorial from the Methodist ministers of Roanoke recommending that the time of meeting of the Baltimore Conference be changed from March to October, and that the next session be held in October, 1913. Mr. Stevens requested that the discussion of this memorial be made the order of the day for 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Bishop Denny stated that he could be present at the conference no longer than Friday and that he wanted to request the conference to discuss the Randolph-Macon matter while he is present. On motion the discussion of the Randolph-Macon matter was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock Thursday. On motion the discussion of the memorial regarding the time for holding the conference was made the order of the day immediately following the discussion of the Randolph-Macon matter.

The report of the Baltimore Southern Methodist was read, showing that paper to be free from all debt and its subscription list constantly increasing. E. V. Register presented to Bishop

Murrah a gavel made of historic wood in Carroll county, Md.

Minute question 22 was called: "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administrations?" The names of the presiding elders of the seven districts were called, their characters were passed, and they submitted their reports. The next name called under question 22 was that of J. O. Knott, who was appointed pastor at Warrenton at the last session of the conference.

F. J. Prettyman, presiding elder of the Washington District, stated that he regretted to say that owing to charges against the moral character of Mr. Knott the committee of investigation found a trial necessary; that the trial had been conducted by the ad interim committee of trial, and Mr. Knott had been expelled from the ministry and membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He stated further that Mr. Knott had taken an appeal from the decision of the committee of trial to the ad interim committee of appeals, and that it became the duty of the conference to appoint members of this body to represent the church before the committee of appeals.

The name of W. H. Joyce, who was at the last session of the conference appointed pastor of Trinity Church, Roanoke, was called next, and W. H. Woolf, presiding elder of the Roanoke District, stated that his case was similar to that of Mr. Knott.

E. V. Register and J. P. Prettyman were appointed to represent the church before the ad interim committee of appeals in the case of Mr. Knott, and J. P. Prettyman and H. P. Hamill were appointed to represent the church in the case of Mr. Joyce at the same time.

Faces Disagreeable Duty.

Bishop Denny was chairman of the ad interim committee of trial when these cases were acted upon, and he said: "It is sometimes necessary for a man to speak with the authority with which the church has invested him. The episcopacy of our church is unique; it is not diocesan, but a bishop in this church is a bishop of the whole church. The bishop divides the work between them for convenience, and while he was looking after his work in the East, Bishop Murrah requested me to look after the work in this conference, which was in his district. It is not necessary for me to say that it was a burden for me to act in this case of trial. I went so far as to try to get some of my colleagues to act in my place. It has been a long time since this conference has had to face such conditions as these, and no conference is expected to observe the law more rigidly than this conference. I have no complaint to enter against any member of the conference to-day, but I feared at one time that I should. It is just as much the obligation of a preacher to answer a summons in an unpleasant matter connected with the church as it is for him to preach a sermon and perform the other duties of the ministry. He must meet one obligation as well as the other. It is to be in accord with our system. I feel that the members of this conference will not need to be reminded of this again."

The call of this twenty-second question was called, and the names of the preachers sustaining the superannuate and those sustaining the supernumerary relation were passed. Conference adjourned at 12:30 o'clock. Bishop Denny pronouncing the benediction.

History of Roanoke Methodism.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Roanoke, Va., March 27.—Methodism in what is now Roanoke began in 1853, with the organization of a class of seventeen members. Rev. James C. Armstrong organized this class in the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Clark C. Campbell, a local preacher, was appointed class leader. The community in which the church in which this class was organized was known as "Old Hick," and in 1856 "Big Hick" Circuit was organized, with five appointments. The first pastor appointed to this circuit was Rev. I. W. Carter, and Rev. J. S. Gardner was the first presiding elder. The salary of the pastor was fixed at \$225, and that of the presiding elder at \$140, and neither was paid in full.

The first Sunday school on this circuit consisted of six teachers and fifty-eight scholars. When the report of the circuit was submitted to the conference at Roanoke of the first year, nothing had been contributed to missions and nothing to any other benevolent cause. The name Roanoke Circuit was not adopted until the year 1872, and ten years later the Big Hick appointment became a station. A neat frame chapel had been erected, which would seat 250 people, this having replaced the small wooden building in which the congregation worshipped for several years.

The Baltimore Conference met in Salem in 1855, and Rev. L. R. Greene was appointed to Roanoke Station, the circuit having been chartered in 1854. The membership of the church had grown so rapidly that a larger church became a necessity, and the foundation of the new building was laid in 1855. Rev. J. H. Boyd being pastor, Mr. Greene having died the year before, after having been instrumental in inaugurating the enterprise for the new church. The new church was erected at a cost of \$16,000, and was called Greene Memorial, in honor of the first pastor.

This building was located at the corner of Campbell Avenue and Roanoke Street. After a few years this church building was exchanged for that of the congregation of the Lutheran Church, the latter being a costly stone edifice on the corner of Church Avenue and Commerce Street, and that became the home of the mother Church of Methodism in Roanoke. Rev. Samuel T. Senter is the present pastor of this church, and the membership is about 1,100. The church owns a handsome parsonage valued at \$8,500 and pays a salary of \$2,500 to the pastor.

Trinity Church and Grace Church were organized as independent pastoral charges at the same time by members of Greene Memorial Church. Both are now churches of strong membership.

A little later a few members of Greene Memorial became the charter members of Belmont Church, the seat of the present session of the conference. The handsome church building, of light brick, is located at the corner of Jamison Avenue and Ninth Street. Rev. J. H. Bean has been the pastor of this church for the past four years. The present church building was erected during his pastorate, and under his leadership this congregation has experienced marked development.

The other Methodist churches of Roanoke and suburbs are St. James, West End and Mt. Olivet.

The church at Salem and that at Vinton are included also in the Roanoke family, although the history of these two churches covers more than a century. The membership of both churches is strong, and the men and women who constitute the same are in what is now Roanoke began in 1853, among the best.

Posse in Mountains

FOR ITS FINAL RAID ON

GANG OF OUTLAWS

Dawn To-Day May See Three Remaining in

Blue Ridge in Custody—Detectives Confident

Capture is at Hand.

BY ALEXANDER FORWARD.

Hillsville, Va., March 27.—The last

raid on the three Aliens—still believed

to be in the mountains—Sidda Allen

and his nephews, Wesley Edwards and

Freel Allen—began in earnest to-

night. Fifty horsemen gathered in the

Pansey Gap section, led by Detective

Thomas L. Feltz. Admittedly it was

the last maneuver of the desperate

campaign to capture the outlaws who

on March 14, wiped out the Carroll

County Court.

All available men (250 to-night in

the mountains. Detective Feltz is

hopeful and confident. He was so

sure the last moment had arrived that

he to-day permitted The Times-Dis-

patch correspondent to accompany the

posse and witness what he believed

would be the final act of the moun-

tain search that has been conducted

vigorously ever since the courthouse

tragedy.

Preparations were made for several

days' stay in the mountains, but it is

admitted developments are expected

in twenty-four hours. Somehow the

feeling prevails that the surrender of

the fugitives will be bloodless and will

be accomplished through the medium

of a relative, perhaps "Jack" Allen,

whose desire to see no harm come to

his eighteen-year-old son, Fred, is

said to be a prime factor in his ac-

tivities to bring about the capture of

Fred's band.

Not far from the home of Floyd

Allen the posse spent the night. At

dawn it was thought the detectives

would close in on the fugitives.

New Indictments.

While news from "the front" was

anxiously awaited all day, the recon-

structed Carroll county court exam-

ined a number of witnesses and promp-

ly returned new and more complete in-

dictments against the same eight persons

originally charged with the court-

house murders. They are Floyd and

Sidda Allen, Fred Allen, Claude Swa-

son Allen, Victor Allen, Byrd Mar-

tion, and Wesley Edwards. The new

indictments each charge five murders

as well as conspiracy.

It looked for a while as if all the

defendants now in the Roanoke jail

would be brought here to-morrow. At-

torneys for Floyd Allen, Victor Allen

and Bud Marion notified Judge Staples

that on Friday they would move a

change of venue. This the court re-

plied would necessitate the presence of

the defendants or a writ of petition

from them. Floyd Allen was de-clar-

ed by Attorney Willis to be too ill from

his wounds to be moved. Sidda Ed-

wards, it is understood, has not yet

succumbed counsel.

The defense expressed the hope that

the trials would not be held in this

region. The State attorneys

announced that they would vigorously re-

sist any application for a change of

venue, as the dignity for a change of

Virginia law demanded the holding of

the trials in Carroll county.

The court announced that it had in-

tended to set the trial of Floyd for April 10,

Victor for the 11th, and Bud Marion for the

13th. But that all plans had been upset by

the notice of appeal for a change of

venue, Judge Staples asked that special

inquiry be made to determine if Floyd Al-

len could be moved, otherwise his state-

ment is to be taken, setting forth reasons

why he believes he could not get a fair

trial at Hillsville.

Special Term Adjourns.

Judge Staples conferred at length to-

night with counsel for both sides, after

which he signed an order adjourning the

special term of court, which began to-day,

until April 23. No prisoners, therefore, will

be brought here to-morrow from Roanoke,

but on Saturday in Roanoke, Judge Staples

will hear arguments on a motion for

change of venue in the case of Floyd Al-

len. He will then set the date and place for

Floyd's trial.

When the special term reconvenes on

April 23 a date for the trials of Victor Al-

len and Byrd Marion will be set. If Sidda

Edwards has no attorney engaged by Sat-

urday, the court will appoint counsel for

him.

Supreme Court Proceedings.

The following cases were argued yester-

day in the Virginia Supreme Court of Ap-

peals:

Gray, assignee, vs. Atlantic Trust and De-

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